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LATEST NEWS FROM EVERY LAND.

EJECTED THE FRENCH

CREATE A DISTURBANCE IN A HAVANA THEATRE.

Take Exception to a Play in Which Dreyfus is Portrayed as an Innocent Victim—Audience Sides with Dreyfus—Other Items.

Eject the Frenchmen.

HAVANA: At the Tacon Theatre the other night there was produced a play based upon the Dreyfus trial, in which Dreyfus was portrayed throughout as an innocent victim of conspiracy in the French army. From the start the sympathy of the audience for Dreyfus was plainly manifested. Four Frenchmen, one of whom is supposed to have been an officer of the French gunboat *Fulton*, now lying in the harbor, occupied a box in the first tier. All of them carried boatswain's whistles, and at the first intimation against the honesty of the trial they began to blow the whistles and to loudly hiss the players. A scene of indescribable tumult followed, the entire audience rising in defense of Dreyfus.

The Frenchmen were forcibly ejected and the performance was continued without further interruption. The Frenchmen were locked up over night at the station house.

Gen. Blanco has prohibited the future production of the play in Havana.

INVITED TO ARGENTINE.

South American Country Seeks J. Sterling Morton's Advice.

WASHINGTON: J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska has received an invitation from President Julio Roca of the Argentine Republic, to spend the coming year in that country as the adviser of the government in matters that concern the development of its agricultural resources. He is asked particularly to direct the organization of the department of agriculture and industry, which was added to the executive branch of the government by a constitutional convention that recently adjourned. The farmers of the Argentine Republic are suffering, as those of this country have done, from the unwise policy of placing all their eggs in one basket. They have raised cattle, sheep and wheat exclusively and recently have gone into sugar, and the rise and fall in the value of the staples has made them rich and poor alternately without bringing permanent prosperity. In the opinion of political economists, diversified crops and varied industries are necessary, and the new department has been authorized by the constitutional convention for the purpose of promoting a change of policy. President Roca, being familiar with Mr. Morton's administration of the agricultural department in Washington, believes that his knowledge and experience will be of great value to the Argentine government and people.

Women Want to Hang Him.

STURGIS, Mich.: Assignee Himebaugh of the Parsons Bank in Burr Oak made a statement that the creditors of the bank would in all probability receive 10 cents on the dollar. A party of women went to Parsons' residence and said if they could get hold of him they would hang him. Parsons is still in bed and they were kept out of the house. The cash in the vaults was counted and it was found that there was \$250 on hand, although from \$12,000 to \$15,000 had been deposited in the last few days. Parsons' son kept the books of the bank and was cashier, but Parsons kept his own private books himself. These private books have not been posted for six months and it is impossible to tell anything about them.

Scottish Clans Get the Money.

CLEVELAND: The suit brought here some time since by the royal clan of the Order of Scottish Clans of America against Archibald McLaren, the Commercial National Bank and the National Bank of Commerce, has been settled out of court. McLaren was formerly treasurer of the order and was indicted on the charge of embezzling \$15,000. Suit was brought to enjoin the banks from paying McLaren any money on deposit in his name. By the terms of the settlement the banks turn over all money in their possession to McLaren's credit to the Order of Scottish Clans.

Two Prisoners Burn in Jail.

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn.: Two prisoners confined for the night in the town lockup, Ernest Branford, aged 27 years, and John Marsh, aged 49, met their death in a fire which originated in the cell occupied by Marsh. Branford evidently died from suffocation, probably while asleep. Marsh's body was literally baked. They had been arrested for drunkenness.

Load was Too Heavy.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.: A sensational suicide was that Monday of Prof. W. B. Stickney. Eighteen years ago he built a \$6,500 house, giving a \$1,000 mortgage on it. A few days ago it was sold to satisfy the same mortgage, grown to \$5,000. Prof. Stickney was in ill health and gave up the fight, firing a revolver point blank into his head.

Moravian Bishops Consecrated.

LITITZ, Pa.: Rev. Charles L. Moench of Lititz, and Rev. Edmund A. Carter of Bethlehem, who were last week elected bishops of the Moravian Church by the provincial synod in session at this place were consecrated to the episcopate Sunday morning in the presence of a large congregation with solemn ceremonial.

Farmer Hangs Himself.

HUDSON, Wis.: C. E. Wetherby, a well-to-do farmer of the town of Troy, aged 55 years, was found hanging from a beam in his barn by a rope. He has been mentally unbalanced for some weeks.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Many Favorable Trade Features Are Noted.

Bradstreet's says: Reports of still further enlarged distribution at most western markets and of slight improvement at eastern centers, where demand has been slower to materialize; enlarged foreign demand for bread stuffs, increased railway earnings, not entirely due to the swelling movement of grain to market which, indeed, is still behind last year's records. Crop impairment in August, not unusual nor unexpected, proves to have been less than feared and average conditions of leading crops, notably wheat, cotton and potatoes, are better than one year ago. Export trade, as a whole, is very satisfactory. The August total, swelled by larger shipments of cotton, provisions and manufactured goods generally, is larger than August one year ago by 47 per cent., notwithstanding a heavy decrease in shipments of breadstuffs. Import trade as yet shows no particular expansion and for the eight months our exports are 82 per cent. in excess of imports.

Wheat shipments for the week reflect an enlarged foreign demand for American wheat and flour, aggregating 3,575,291 bushels, as against 3,100,208 bushels last week.

Corn exports for the week are considerably smaller than last week's heavy total, aggregating 2,331,000 bushels, against 3,868,869 bushels last week.

Business failures for the week number 173, against 142 last week. Canadian failures for the week number 23, against 17 last week.

BIG COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

Manufacturers of Silver-Plate Ware Form a Giant Corporation.

The Meriden Britannia Company and the Wilcox Silver-Plate Company have issued circulars to their stockholders stating that the International Silver Company has been formed under the laws of New Jersey with a capital stock of \$15,000,000 preferred and \$15,000,000 common stock. Most of the stockholders, it is said, have agreed to accept \$3 in cash, \$3 in preferred stock and \$25 in common stock of the consolidated company for each share of stock.

The Wilcox Company directors have voted to accept \$37.50 in cash, \$35.50 in preferred stock and \$18.75 in common stock for each share of the company's stock. It is understood that most of the stock has been offered on these terms. The Britannia Company will receive \$4,400,000 for its plant and the Wilcox Company about \$1,375,000. In addition to these concerns, C. Rogers & Bro. of Meriden will get \$500,000, and the Meriden Silver Plate Company and the Manning & Bowman Company will also be sold. It is said that Samuel Dodd, secretary of the Wilcox Company, will be the president.

WIPES OUT THREE LIVES.

Domestic Kills Her Paramour and His Child and Then Suicide.

J. F. Villier, motorman, his 2-year-old child and a woman named Lellie Maguffin were found dead in a room in a hotel at Louisville, Ky., Friday morning. From a note left by the woman it is learned that she had first given her paramour and child morphine in wine, but fearing this would not be effective, shot Villier through the head, and then turned the revolver on herself, death being instantaneous in each case. The child already dead from the effects of the phine. Villier was a widower, and the child was that of his dead wife. The woman was a domestic, once employed by Villier.

PORTO RICO'S EVACUATION.

Formal Withdrawal of Spanish Will Begin in a Few Days.

At a meeting Friday the Spanish evacuation commissioners agreed to begin the formal withdrawal of their lines within two days. They will evacuate Lares, San Sebastian and Aguadilla, in the northwestern part of the island, withdrawing toward the capital. Under the armistice they could not withdraw the outposts without permission. A detachment of the Eleventh infantry will occupy the territory surrendered and raise the American flag. The abandonment of other outposts will follow.

In Hiding for Forty Years.

The coming back of John Breckinridge, an old and broken down man of 80, to Shelbyville, Ky., this week was like a country under a cloud exactly forty years ago, and nothing had been heard of him during all that time. In 1858 a wealthy stock trader, Jack Wellenwick, was found murdered and Breckinridge was accused of the crime. He gave bond, which he afterwards forfeited, fleeing from the country.

To Represent the U. S. Navy.

At the request of Commissioner General Peck, Past Assistant Engineer F. N. Bennett has been selected as a representative of the United States navy on the Paris exposition commission. Mr. Bennett has just terminated forty-two months' service on the flagship *New York*.

Bee Keepers' Convention Closes.

The American Bee Keepers' union completed a three days' convention at Omaha, Neb., Thursday with the election of officers, as follows: President, E. Whitcomb of Friend, Neb.; vice president, C. A. Hatch of Ithaca, Wis.; secretary, Dr. A. B. Mason of Toledo, Ohio.

Pennsylvanians Going to Porto Rico

Five hundred soldiers of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania volunteers reached Jersey City from Camp Asa de Friday. They are to sail on the *General Ponce*, Porto Rico, where they will do garrison duty.

300 PERSONS KILLED

AT ST. VINCENT IN THE WEST INDIA STORM.

Details of Sunday's Hurricane Show Unparalleled Mortality and Destruction of Property—20,000 Are Homeless and Starving.

West India's Awful Cyclone.

Details of the hurricane of Sunday received at Kingston, from St. Vincent show an unparalleled destruction of life and property there. Out of a population of 41,000, 300 were killed and 20,000 injured or rendered helpless. Owing to the destruction of provisions, they are all starving. The island was absolutely butted by the wind and floods from the mountains, in addition to waves along the coast. There was great loss of shipping along the track of the cyclone.

The dispatches received at the colonial office at London from the British authorities in the West Indies indicate, as a whole, that the earlier reports of the havoc wrought by the hurricane were not exaggerated. They show a widespread devastation. Owing to the breakdown of the telegraph and telephone wires, the real extent of the disaster is still unknown, but financial aid is required to meet the distress. People are flocking into Kingston and St. Vincent from all the country round for shelter and food. The ship *Loand* and bark *Grace Lynwood* were cast ashore at St. Vincent and wrecked. Sir Cornelius Moloney, governor of the Windward Islands, cables that two vessels were sunk, and that the fate of many others is unknown.

The governor of the Barbadoes, Sir J. S. Hay, reports that the hurricane was of ten hours' duration. Already he has been officially notified of sixty-one deaths and of thirty-one persons seriously wounded.

NO BREAK IN THE CHAIN.

Police Have a Perfect Case Against Mrs. Botkin.

All skeptical speculations regarding the identity of the woman who bought chocolate creams at the store of George Haas & Son, San Francisco, on July 31, seem to have been set at rest. The police officials as a consequence assert that there is now no break or flaw in the web of circumstantial evidence they have woven around the alleged poisoner of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane. Two employees of Haas & Son—Sylvia Heney, who sold the chocolates, and Kate Dettner, the girl who aided her in packing them into the box—are prepared to swear that the person who purchased the confections sent to Mrs. Dunning, and which killed her and Mrs. Deane, was Mrs. Cordeia Botkin.

Mrs. Price, the landlady of the Victoria Hotel, has come forward prepared to testify that Mrs. Botkin was a lodger at her house between July 31 and August 4, and was not sick, as Mrs. Botkin asserts. Mrs. Price says that on Sunday morning, July 31, the day Mrs. Botkin is said to have purchased the candy, Mrs. Botkin sent down word that she was ill, and her breakfast was served in her room by the Japanese waiter. She is certain of the date. Mrs. Botkin's preliminary hearing has been continued a week.

CHINA OPENING HER "DOORS."

Concession to Foreigners Marks an Important Epoch in History.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune says: Consul Ragsdale, at Tien-Tsin, China, reports the first concession ever granted by the emperor to foreigners, to open and work mines, entirely free from Chinese control and in conformity with the general laws of the empire as applicable to foreigners. On May 21 there were signed in the presence of the ministers of the tsung li yamen articles of agreement which ceded to the Pekin syndicate, limited, of London, the sole right to open and work the coal and iron deposits of central and southern Shanghai and the petroleum deposits of the entire province; also the right to construct all necessary railroads, to maintain trunk lines and navigable waters for exporting the mine products.

The agreement was signed by orders issued in an imperial edict, stamped with the seal of the tsung li yamen, as a visible sign of imperial sanction and authority, and the whole proceedings were verified and ratified by the British and Italian ministers to China.

Arrested for Check Forgery.

By means of information received from Maine a Boston police inspector has arrested a man giving the name of Henry H. Taylor of Chicago. Taylor was arrested as a fugitive from justice, being wanted in Limington, Me., on the charge of forging and uttering a check. The police accuse Taylor, who is 29 years old and married, of forging the name of John D. Murray to a check for \$125, drawn on the Casco National Bank of Portland. It is claimed that Murray succeeded in persuading C. E. Emery, a hotel man at Limington, to cash it.

Assassin Courts Death.

The assassin of the Empress of Austria, it is said, has written to the president of the Swiss confederation, asking to be tried at Lucerne, where capital punishment is in force. He now admits that he attended an anarchist club at Luzanne, where it was decided to assassinate some great personage. Six members of the club have been placed under arrest.

Double New York Tragedy.

Arthur Hoffman, a Pine Hill, New York, blacksmith murdered his wife and killed himself. Jealousy was the cause.

RIOTING IN ST. LOUIS.

One Man Is Fatally Wounded and Three Others Seriously Hurt.

Striking plasterers precipitated a riot in the western limits of St. Louis. William Kane, a non-union worker, was fatally wounded, and three others seriously hurt. Mounted police, summoned to the scene, were met by a fusillade of bullets from the strikers. The police returned the fire and charged the crowd, dispersing them and arresting the ringleaders.

It seems that the strikers gathered to prevent non-union men from going to work on some buildings. A wordy war led to the throwing of missiles, then one striker fired a revolver into the non-union crowd, followed by a volley from the strikers, and Kane fell mortally wounded. Reports from the scene are to the effect that the affair developed into a running fight between the police and some of the strikers.

WILL ADMIT THE SALOON MEN

Great Council of Red Men Decides to Accept Their Membership.

The Red Men, in their great council at Indianapolis, settled the question of the admission of saloon men, so far as constitutional amendments are concerned. But eight of the 125 delegates voted for the resolution to prohibit their membership. The new officers are as follows: Great inebriation, George E. Green of New York; great senior sagamore, E. D. Wiley, Iowa; great junior sagamore, Thomas G. Harrison, Indiana; great prophet, R. T. Daniel, Georgia; great chief of records, Charles C. Conley, Pennsylvania; great keeper of wampum, William Provin, Massachusetts.

MILES CONFINED TO HIS BED

Has a Touch of Fever as a Result of Exposure During Campaign.

Gen. Miles is confined to his bed with a touch of fever, the result of work and exposure in the campaign. He has been ailing for several days, but continued to work. Friday the fever symptoms were more marked, and his physician insisted on the general's remaining in bed. The attack causes no apprehension. It is malarial. He may have to take a complete rest for a short time.

Believes Her Husband Murdered.

Mrs. William Beard of Philadelphia, widow of the geologist and mining expert, whose death was reported from southwestern Alaska last spring, has arrived in San Francisco. She believes her husband, instead of having been killed accidentally, was murdered by his associates for the money that he carried, and she has set out to make an investigation of the case.

Deserter Surrenders Himself.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Private A. Butler of the Second United States artillery, who deserted from that regiment about four years ago at Newport, R. I., has voluntarily surrendered himself to the military authorities at the Presidio. His desertion occurred soon after his enlistment and he has since been in Japan and other foreign countries.

Triple Virginia Drowning.

Henry Lester proprietor of the Princess Anne cottage at Virginia Beach, Va. and two of his guests, T. S. E. Dixon of Chicago, and Arthur McLaughlin of Newark, N. J., were drowned while bathing at the beach. It is supposed that McLaughlin was carried out by a receding wave and the others were drowned in their efforts to reach him.

Steamer Aurania Disabled.

A Queenstown dispatch says the Cunard steamer *Aurania*, from New York on September 6 for Liverpool, has been reported off the south coast of Ireland disabled and in tow. There has been some anxiety regarding the *Aurania*, as she was forty hours overdue.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c; butter, choice creamery, 19c to 20c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 14c; potatoes, choice, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 62c to 64c; corn, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 69c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 44c to 46c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 25c; rye, 45c to 46c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c; clover seed, \$3.40 to \$3.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 63c to 65c; corn, No. 3, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 1, 47c to 49c; barley, No. 2, 42c to 44c; pork, mess, \$8.25 to \$8.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, common to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.50 to \$5.00; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$6.75.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 27c; butter, creamery, 15c to 21c; eggs, Western, 16c to 17c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Postoffice Department Threatens to Discontinue Daily Mail Service Across the Missouri River at Niobrara—Other Items.

May Lose Mail Service.

A threat from the postoffice department having come to the postmaster at Niobrara that the mail route connecting with the Milwaukee Railroad across the Missouri River would be discontinued if the ferry management continued to annoy the contractor in crossing with the mails brought out quite a few at a meeting held the other day, and a spirited controversy ensued. The contractor asks equal bus privileges in crossing the river, which the ferry management refuses to grant, and it is claimed that the crossings have sometimes been made to the contractors annoyance. To get what he claims as his rights the contractor appeals to the postoffice department, and the department finding itself balked in furnishing Niobrara this daily service, threatens to withdraw it if, as the department puts it, "the management of the ferry proceeds to carry things with a high hand." A remonstrance against the discontinuance of the service has been forwarded to the department.

Great Day at Wayne.

From 8,000 to 10,000 people attended the big barbecue and peace jubilee held at Wayne in honor of the successful termination of the war with Spain. The streets and business houses were one mass of red, white and blue, and large streamers were suspended across the streets on which were painted the word "Welcome," in the national colors. At 11:30 the barbecue dinner was served by the ladies of Wayne and over 5,000 people ate at the roast steers. Hot coffee and bread were also served. At 2 o'clock Hon. Frank Fuller delivered the address of welcome, which was followed by other addresses. During the afternoon amusements of all kinds followed in rapid succession, including two wild west stage holdups by a band of Indians from the Santee reservation, which was one of the most attractive as well as exciting features of the day. The illuminated street parade at night was a grand finale to one of the greatest events that ever occurred in that part of the state.

Fire Loss at Staplehurst.

Fire in the village of Staplehurst a few days ago consumed two buildings with the most of their contents, besides between 1,000 and 2,000 bushels of corn. One of the buildings was occupied by J. H. T. Madden with a stock of drugs and was a total loss with no insurance. The other building was occupied and owned by J. W. Ocken as a shoe store, who carried insurance to the amount of \$1,100. The corn belonged to Nelson & Jacobs, with no insurance. The Seward fire department was telegraphed for, but the fire was gotten under control before they arrived.

Lost Boy Returns.

Eighteen years ago this month George Cummins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cummins of Tecumseh, left home very suddenly, giving his parents no warning of his intended departure. He was 15 years old at the time. His parents heard from him indirectly two or three weeks after he went away, but before they could communicate with him, he disappeared completely. Last week he should walk into the family home but the long lost son, George, his parents scarcely knew him, or he them, but it did not take long to establish an acquaintance.

Collision of Motor Cars.

Two motor cars on the fair ground line at Lincoln collided while both were running at a high rate of speed, and when they struck the fenders of both cars were smashed in. All of the passengers were severely jolted, and Mrs. Lyman Gould of Chicago, N. Y., sustained a fracture of the ankle that will permanently cripple her. She was hurt in jumping from one of the cars just before they collided.

George E. Cheney Is Killed.

George E. Cheney, a well known banker of Creighton, met with an accident on the evening of the 15th which resulted in death. While talking with his wife in the corridor of the Drexel Hotel at Omaha, he walked into an elevator shaft and fell to the basement floor eight feet below, sustaining internal injuries and a fracture of the knee from which he never regained consciousness.

Fatal Quarrel of Ranchmen.

N. L. Sylvester was shot with a rifle and instantly killed the other day by John Krause, twenty miles northeast of Alliance. A quarrel over the boundary line across a meadow was the cause, the Krauses asserting that Sylvester was cutting hay on their side of a well defined line. The murdered man bears a bad reputation, and is said to have made threats against the life of Krause.

Goes Through a Bridge.

As Farmer John Douglas drove a four-horse load of wheat on a bridge over the Nemaha River northwest of Tecumseh the other day the structure gave way and let Mr. Douglas, his son and the load through into the river some twenty-five or thirty feet below. Mr. Douglas sustained some injuries, but not serious. One horse was killed outright and another injured.

Thief Steals a Watch.

Friday evening a well dressed stranger entered Neihwoner's jewelry store at Columbus and asked to look at some watches. After pricing several and while there were a number of them lying on the showcase he suddenly grabbed one, dashed out of the door and ran down a dark alley and disappeared.

Grafton Sugar Factory.

Grafton's best sugar factory prospects appear to be somewhat of the will-o'-the-wisp order. The beets will grow—that is beyond a doubt—but the capitalists who should be there looking after the matter are conspicuously absent.

NEBRASKA CROPS.

Ground in Good Condition for the Sowing of Small Grain.

The Nebraska weather and crop bureau on the 14th inst. issued the following bulletin, the last of the season:

The last week has been cloudy and cool, with heavy, general rains. The average daily temperature deficiency has been about 10 degrees in the eastern counties and 12 degrees in the western. The daily maximum temperatures were slightly above 70 degrees, the first part of the week and were about 50 degrees on the last three days of the week. The minimum temperatures were very low on the 6th and 7th in the entire state. In the western counties they were about or below freezing, and heavy frosts resulted. Light frosts occurred on the same dates in the eastern counties.

The rainfall has been above normal in all except the extreme northeastern counties, where it has been light from a quarter to half an inch. In the southern half of the state it has exceeded an inch, and in most of the counties south of the Platte River it has ranged from 2 to 5 inches. A little snow fell in western counties on the 9th and 10th, melting as fast as it reached the ground.

The heavy rains of the week have retarded all work; nevertheless, haying and threshing are about completed and fall plowing is generally well advanced. The rains place the ground in excellent condition for sowing fall grain, and a large acreage of fall wheat will be sown in the southern counties during the next ten days. The ground had been plowed before the rain, but little or none sown.

The dry hot weather of the three weeks preceding this one ripened and dried out corn so fast that now nearly all the corn in the eastern counties is hardened beyond possible injury by frost. The heavy frosts in the extreme western counties on the 6th and 7th killed late corn quite generally. Some damage to late corn is reported from counties so far east as Dawson. Pastures have been materially improved by the rains of the week.

"PREHISTORIC CORN."

Curious Crop Raised by Platte County Man.

George Barnum, a prominent farmer living in Butler Township, Platte County, has a few acres this year of what is known as the "prehistoric corn," so called from the peculiar manner in which the seed was discovered. About five years ago a handful of this corn was found in one of the old caves in Arkansas in a large clam shell which time and the action of the weather had hermetically sealed. This seed was taken and planted especially for the seed, and this is Mr. Barnum's first experience with it. With only ordinary attention and without any irrigation, this corn grows to an average height of fifteen feet and runs from two to twelve ears on a stalk. Geologists agree that the original seed found in the cave was from 9,000 to 4,000 years old, and was no doubt placed there by a forgotten prehistoric race. As a rule the ears commence to appear on the stalk about ten feet from the ground. During dry weather when other corn would curl up and wither in the hot sun, this would maintain a bright gooseberry green. Mr. Barnum believes it has no equal for withstanding a drought.

Suit for Damages.

R. Mason of Falls City has brought suit against the Missouri Pacific Railroad for \$20,000 damages. Mr. Mason was for many years the company's agent at Falls City, but was removed last February without cause, as he alleges. The petition states that the company refused to give him a clearance card as is the custom, showing his good record. He also sets up in his petition that he was discharged for no other reason than that he affiliated with the free silver party in the last presidential election.

More Elevators for Omaha.

It is reported that Frank H. Peavey of Minneapolis has decided to build a big elevator at Council Bluffs on the Union Pacific tracks. John E. Webster, president of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal Company, says the erection of this elevator has nothing to do with the plans of his company for the building of an elevator at East Omaha. This will be built in due time, he says, as originally agreed upon, and will equal any other structure of the kind in the west.

Trouble Between Farmers.

C. C. Upland and W. F. Wilson, two farmers northeast of Humboldt, got into an altercation over the traversing of a road between the farms controlled by them. The trouble finally resulted in the arrest of Wilson, charged with leaving cuttings of hedge in the road over the statutory limit of five days. The case was heard by a jury, which rendered a verdict of not guilty and the prisoner was discharged.

Narrow Escape.

James Fella, living near North Bend, had a narrow escape from being killed by the discharge of his gun. He had his gun on a load of hay, and reaching across the wagon to take it off, the gun was discharged, the charge striking him in the hand and arm, making a painful wound.

Petition for a New Depot.

A movement is now in progress at Hastings to compel the Burlington Railroad Company to erect a new depot. The business men of Hastings have gotten up a petition and are having it signed